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October 26 Update on the 2010 Rice CSQ Tender

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Report Highlights:

On October 26, Taiwan awarded a tender of 6,134 tons of globalized Australian rice CSQ at NT\$23,998/mt or \$781/mt for delivery by February 28, 2011 to an Australian rice handler who competed against six other bidders from both the U.S. and Australia.

As of reporting date, Taiwan has contracted for 86,434 tons (56,234 tons under tradition and 30,200 tons under SBS) of its 2010-rice CSQ commitment, marking a tender completion rate of 92 percent.

General Information:**Results of tenders from October 15 & October 26**

GF4-99-0195 for 15,134 tons U.S.-origin 2010 crop medium/short grain brown rice for delivery by February 28, 2011

Taiwan partially completed this rice tender at the first tender held on October 1. Two out of six bidders who participated in the bid were awarded 2,500 tons and 5,000 tons respectively at the same price of NT\$24,899/mt (\$795/mt).

The remaining 7,634 tons failed a second tender held on October 15 because of the offered bidding prices exceeded the pre-set ceiling price.

Taiwan will schedule the third tender for the remaining 7,643 tons of the 2010 U.S. rice CSQ before the end of the 2010.

GF4-990-070-3 for 6,134 tons of medium/short grain brown rice for February 28, 2011 delivery on a global quota basis (a relinquished Australian rice CSQ)

A total of seven bidders participated in the bid. Two of the participants were Australian rice handlers while the other five participants were U.S. rice handlers. An Australian rice handler won the tender with a bidding price of NT\$23,998/mt or \$781/mt. As a result, Taiwan has completed tenders for the 2010 Australian rice CSQ. However, only 6,394 tons (260 tons under SBS and 6,134 tons under traditional tender) of the 18,634 tons of the 2010 Australian CSQ will be shipped to Taiwan from Australia with the remaining 12,240 tons globalized.

Exchange rate was NT\$30.73 to \$1 on October 26, 2010

Table 1: The 2010 CSQ under SBS Tender

2010 SBS Allocation Plan in metric tons:			
	1st Tranche	2nd Tranche	Total
Australia	6,500	6,000	12,500
Egypt	0	2,500	2500
Thailand	4,000	2,000	6,000
USA	6,000	3,200	9,200
Total	16,500	13,700	30,200
Taiwan completed the first tranche of 16,500 tons of SBS tenders on 2/11/2010 for importation by 12/31/2010; and 13,700 tons of the second tranche of SBS tenders completed on 06/22/2010 for importation by 04/30/2011			

Table 2 – Taiwan's 2010 Country-Specific Quota (CSQ) for Public Sector Imports (10/26/2010 update)

Country	Traditional Tender System(MT)	Completed	Remaining
Egypt	0	0	0
Thailand	2,300*	2,300	0
Australia	6,134*	6,134 (regained from globalized quota)	0
USA	55,434	47,800	7,634
2009 Total	63,868	56,234	7,634
As of October 26, Taiwan has completed 47,800 tons of U.S. rice CSQ under traditional tender. The first tranche of 20,000 tons completed on 04/7/2010 for delivery by 8/31/2010; 1,150 tons of glutinous rice completed on 06/22/2010 for delivery by 12/31/2010; 1,150 tons of glutinous rice and 10,000 tons of medium/short grain rice completed on 9/9/2010 for delivery by 1/31/2011; 15,500 tons of medium/short grain brown rice on 10/01/2010 for delivery by 02/28/2011. The tendering for the remaining 7,634 tons of U.S.-origin CSQ rice under traditional tender will be scheduled by the end of 2010. Thai-origin 2,300 tons of long grain glutinous rice was completed on 10/01/2010 at the third tender. *As for 6,134 tons of Australia-origin rice, it failed three tenders and was globalized, but Australia regained the quota under a global basis on the 10/26 tender.			

